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1. At noon CET on 30 August 1953, the following warships were in Swinemuende harbor:



Berth

Remarks

At pier on east side of the
channel

The boats were tied up in
groups side by side

On east side of channel

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Osternothafen

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2. On 2 September 1953, three Soviet PT boats were in the Osternothafen harbor basin. [redacted], all of which were of one type, were about 50 meters long and were painted gray, were berthed one behind the other alongside the former destroyer pier. [redacted] were only vaguely identified. Although the vessels seemed to be river vessels, they had on their fantails large numbers of small, double-cone shaped red and black buoys which seemed to indicate that the vessels were used as sperrbrechers or minesweepers. Each vessel had a gun behind a protective shield on the foredeck and a quadruple-barrel gun on the fantail and two round smokestacks fitted with hinged hoods. Two sentries armed with rifles were posted on deck, one forward and one aft. One of the vessels carried a black-and-white pennant at the yard.

3. At 6:45 a.m. on 9 September 1953, [redacted] a tender or target-towing tug-boat was seen alongside the former destroyer pier. Three other warships, including [redacted] were at the pier. Vessels [redacted] were berthed at the pier off Osternothafen. A total of 16 PT boats, [redacted] were berthed in Osternothafen.

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